

Sixth Form Dress Code

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression"

At Bangkok Prep, we encourage you to express your own personality, whilst remaining smart and professional (business-like) at all times. It is important that you set an example to the rest of the school and begin to project your own identity within cultural norms. We see you as young professionals and want you to view yourselves in the same way.

You are given some choice over what you wear each day. We want you to be part of the school but also 'apart' from it.

You are required to wear 'business dress' each day - ask yourself the question, 'would I attend an interview in what I am wearing?'

"Business or Office Dress" is defined below:

Blouse/Shirt/ Jacket:	Plain or small stripe or check, no extreme logos. Long-sleeved or short-sleeved shirt/blouse worn appropriately and should be tailored . Clothing should cover the shoulders & midriff and be open only at the neck - shirts must be tucked in at all times. A smart knitted jumper/cardigan, without logos or hood, may be worn. Jackets can be worn for formal occasions.
Trousers/ shorts/ dresses:*	Tailored and worn either as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">· tailored trousers which are not excessively baggy or tight· tailored shorts to the knee· a smart dress that must be of modest length. The material must be a fabric that could form a 'suit' and not stretchy/lycra material.
Shoes:	Leather, plain, flat, or with a low and practical heel.

Jewellery:	<p>Jewellery should be discreet and not pose a risk to health and safety.</p> <p>Students are allowed to wear a limited amount of discrete earrings.</p> <p>Students are allowed a limited amount of 'friendship' type bracelets/charity bands.</p>
Hair/Makeup	<p>Hair should be kept clean and may be worn loose or tied back, with no extreme styles.</p> <p>Hair-colouring, if applied, should be one 'natural' colour and discreet.</p> <p>Make-up should be minimal.</p> <p>Well-groomed facial hair.</p>

Further Guidance in response to 'Frequently Asked Questions':

Based on what the School would consider being business or office dress, students must not wear any of the following:

- No T-shirts or Polo Shirts should be worn. The exception is the official Bangkok Prep dark blue polo shirt which must be worn when students have Community Service.
- No denim clothing (including blue or black jeans), tracksuits, beachwear, hoodies or sweatshirts.
- No trousers that would be considered as 'baggy casual' and no trousers that have zips/pockets down the sides, the 'combat type', or of the 'skinny fit' type.
- No sports or training shoes, flip flops, high heels, sandals.
- No visible tattoos.
- No facial piercings, bar piercings or visible stretched piercings.

Community Service: When taking part in community service activities, a Bangkok Prep dark blue polo shirt **must** be worn. This is available in the school shop and all students should have at least one polo shirt as part of their uniform. This should be worn with smart black tailored trousers. The Polo shirt should **only** be worn on Community Service days.

ID/Lanyard: Wearing the school identification card is a compulsory part of the school uniform and this should be worn on a school yellow lanyard around the neck, clearly visible, at all times.

PE: Sixth form can wear their own kit but it must be neutral colours and no big logos and no team kits. They may want to purchase a Bangkok Prep PE kit or items from the leisure section in the School Shop.

Sport: For Sport fixtures and competitions, students are required to wear the official Bangkok Prep kit for that particular Sport, only available at the school shop.

*Due to the nature of activities students carry out on a day to day basis - trousers are our preferred choice of business dress. If any student wishes to wear a skirt it needs to be a tailored skirt that is a modest length. The skirt must be made from suit material and not stretchy/lycra material.

Students and their families can discuss the dress code with us to ensure that they are clear and able to apply the guidance above. If staff decide that clothing is not following the dress code, we will explain why and request changes to dress. We will always try to preserve attendance and learning. However, if necessary the Sixth Form Leadership Team or Senior Leadership Team will ask a student to return home to change. Parents and guardians will be informed in this case and attendance records will be updated accordingly. In all instances, the Sixth Form/Senior Leadership Team will make the decision about appropriate clothing and compliance with the dress code. This ensures that students are best prepared for learning and leading by example as they prepare for life beyond the Sixth Form and Bangkok Prep.

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